

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 81**

**Introduced by Senator Yee**

April 9, 2012

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 81—Relative to Voter Registration Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 81, as amended, Yee. Voter Registration Day.

This measure would proclaim September 25, 2012, as Voter Registration Day, and would encourage all eligible Californians to register to vote by that date.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Political sovereignty was vested in the people to  
2 ensure a process of remedy and redress of grievances against  
3 government through a democratic process of electing  
4 representatives to voice the people's concerns; and

5 WHEREAS, Individuals ~~must~~ *ought to* take advantage of their  
6 right to vote, the most important of rights and obligations, and  
7 dutifully participate in the electoral system in order to guarantee  
8 that democracy works for the people's interests; and

9 WHEREAS, Neither ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age,  
10 or disability, nor a test of land, literacy, or fluency, shall prevent  
11 an eligible citizen from registering to vote, nor bar him or her from  
12 the right to vote; and

13 WHEREAS, Every movement toward universal suffrage, from  
14 the inclusion of African Americans to the inclusion of women,  
15 strengthens the social fabric; and

1 WHEREAS, Party affiliation, or lack thereof, should not hinder  
2 the state from registering voters; and

3 WHEREAS, The purpose of Voter Registration Day is to  
4 encourage participation in democracy and register eligible voters;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Roughly 30 percent of eligible voters in California  
7 do not register to vote ~~either because they missed a registration~~  
8 ~~deadline or did not know how to register to vote~~; and

9 *WHEREAS, Many eligible voters either miss the registration*  
10 *deadline or do not know how to register to vote; and*

11 WHEREAS, An eligible Californian has multiple avenues to  
12 register to vote, including registering at a local public assistance  
13 or disability service agency or at the Department of Motor  
14 Vehicles, completing and mailing a voter registration card available  
15 at all United States post offices, or, soon, registering online at the  
16 Secretary of State's voter registration Internet Web site; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims  
20 September 25, 2012, as Voter Registration Day; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all eligible  
22 Californians to register to vote by September 25, 2012; and be it  
23 further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.